

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

Appropriation Language

For expenses necessary in carrying out the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), and the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-333), [\$75,212,000] \$72,071,000, to be derived from the Historic Preservation Fund, to remain available until September 30, [2001] 2002, of which [\$10,722,000] \$7,177,000 pursuant to section 507 of Public Law 104-333 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That of the total amount provided, \$30,000,000 shall be for Save America's Treasures for priority preservation projects, including preservation of intellectual and cultural artifacts, preservation of historic structures and sites, and buildings to house cultural and historic resources and to provide educational opportunities: Provided further, That any individual Save America's Treasures grant shall be matched by non-Federal funds: Provided further, That individual projects shall only be eligible for one grant, and notice of all projects to be funded shall be [approved by] transmitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations prior to the commitment of grant funds: Provided further, That Save America's Treasures funds allocated for Federal projects shall be available by transfer to appropriate accounts of individual agencies, after approval of such projects by the Secretary of the Interior: Provided further, That none of the funds provided for Save America's Treasures may be used for administrative expenses, and staffing for the program shall be available from the existing staffing levels in the National Park Service.

Justification of Proposed Language Changes

1. Addition: "notice of"
Deletion: "approved by"
Addition: "transmitted to"

The language requiring the Appropriations Committees' approval of all projects to be funded for Save America's Treasures would be replaced with language requiring that notice of projects to be funded be transmitted to the Appropriations Committees, in order to reduce the time needed to award and distribute the grants.

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Historic Preservation Fund/Appropriation Language, Changes and Citations

16 U.S.C. 470; section 507 of Division I of Public Law 104-333

16 U.S.C. 470 includes the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665, 80 Stat. 915), as amended. The historic preservation grant program was established by this act in 1966 and the Historic Preservation Fund was established as the fund source in 1976 when the act was amended by Public Law 94-422. Section 108 of the act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470h) has provided the fund with \$150 million in revenues from Outer Continental Shelf receipts each fiscal year through 1997, to “remain available in the Fund until appropriated.” (Unappropriated balances in the fund are sufficient to provide for the appropriations enacted in fiscal year 2000 and requested in fiscal year 2001.) Section 108 also allows appropriations from the fund to be made “without fiscal year limitation,” thus allowing the two-year appropriation language and the no-year appropriation language. The Save America’s Treasures program is funded under the authority of the Historic Preservation Act of 1996, as amended.

Section 507 of Division I of Public Law 104-333 includes provisions for grants to be made in accordance with this section to eligible historically black colleges and universities for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings and structures on the campus of these institutions, to come from amounts available to carry out the National Historic Preservation Act.